GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5524
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
DEMAND OF RESIDENT DOCTORS
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Docs warn Government of indefinite strike` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated March 17, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demand of the resident doctors?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. In the news items the Residents doctors have threatened to go on indefinite strike if their demands are not heeded by the Government.

(c)&(d) Government have considered the various demands of Resident doctors and orders regarding decategorisation of Sr. residents from Group `C` category, allowing leave encashment and enhancement of grant for writing thesis have already been issued. The matter regarding grant of House Rent Allowance is pending before the High Court at Delhi and is therefore, sub-judice.